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Anne Giesecke,  
Vice President, Environmental Activities  
American Bakers Association  
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Dear Dr. Giesecke:

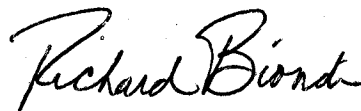
Thank you for continuing to work with us on the unforeseen problems that have arisen with the Bakery Partnership Program. You and your members have pointed out that several industrial suppliers of non-ozone depleting substances have been overwhelmed by the response to this Program and as a result are not able to service all the baking companies that want to install pollution preventing refrigerants in time for the April 26, 2002 deadline, in spite of their best efforts. The Federal Register notice of February 6, 2002, specified that those appliances converted to non-ODS systems prior to April 26, 2002 could avoid the \$10,000 per appliance penalty. Thus, these Participating Companies facing supply problems would not be able to qualify for the waiver of the \$10,000 per appliance penalty, as they had planned, unless some accommodation is made.

Therefore, in consultation with you and some of the suppliers of non-ODS refrigerants, we have agreed to the following: Participating Companies which have a binding purchase order or contract in hand by close of business April 26, 2002 for the conversion of an appliance to a non-ODS system will be treated as if the conversion had been completed by the April 26, 2002 deadline. The conversion to a non-ODS system must be completed and the non-ODS system must be fully operational by close of business on May 31, 2002 in order to qualify for this treatment. That is, the \$10,000 per appliance penalty for such an appliance referenced here, will be waived as it is waived for those appliances that were fully converted to non-ODS systems prior to April 26, 2002 under the terms of the February 6, 2002 FR notice.

Baking companies that do not meet this new deadline for conversions to non-ODS systems will still be eligible to continue participating in the Partnership, but the appliances that do not meet the deadline will have to pay the \$10,000 penalty. Participating baking companies must submit Annex A by April 30, 2002. Appliances for which this extension is sought must be listed on Annex A as non-ODS appliances. If work is not completed on certain appliances by May 31, 2002 then a revised Annex A must be submitted by June 7, 2002. A copy of the binding purchase order or other binding contract for the work showing an order date on or before April 26, 2002 must be maintained by the company in their file.

Please call me or Charlie Garlow [202-564-1088] of my staff if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Biondi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

Richard Biondi, Associate Director  
Air Enforcement Division

cc: Julius Banks, OAR, GPD